# COCO WOOD LAKES NEWSLETTER

Bringing Community, Connection, and Celebration - May 2025



# Message from the Board 4/22/2025

We're pleased to share that a new roofing contractor has been selected. A refund has been secured from the original contractor, who failed to begin the project as agreed. The new contract includes a performance clause and a defined work schedule, which we believe will ensure timely completion and better accountability.

The SPA project is in its final stages and is on track to open in May. Perhaps it's time to start a friendly pool to guess the official opening date!

We would like to sincerely thank the 23 members who responded to our Community Interest Request. Your input is valuable, and we'll be reviewing the feedback and sending out a follow-up, including cost estimates for suggested items. That said, it's disappointing that only 23 members took the time to respond—especially given the number of complaints we hear. Constructive input is always more effective than criticism after the fact.

We are continuing to ask that you enroll in **e-voting** if you have not yet done so. Contact Kristine to be sent an invite to enroll.

The BMTC has been actively meeting with Blue Stream. So far, the discussions have been positive, and we're hopeful the resulting plan will lead to measurable improvements in service, as outlined in our contract.

As part of our continued effort to help residents connect, we encourage everyone to share the contact information you're comfortable with for inclusion in the Owners Directory. Please reach out to Kristine to participate.

Don't forget to check out the upcoming events—great opportunities to have fun and meet fellow members. If you have ideas for new activities, reach out to JoAnn or Kristine. They'd love to hear from you.

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|----------------|----------------|
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OFFICE HOURS M—F 8AM—5PM Closed 1—2PM FIRSTSERVICE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MANAGER: KRISTINE RUSSO DIAZ Regional Director: MARIYA RAU

Treasurer's Report—March 2025

#### Treasurer's Report - April 22,2025 For the period ending March 31, 2025

#### CASH ON HAND

- \$ 170,758 Operating Account, includes prepays of \$74,609
- \$ 145,596 Operating Money Market
- \$ 402,428 Reserve Account Monthly allocation is \$6667
- \$ 718,782 Total

#### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (Maintenance fees owed, more commonly known as DELINQUIENCES)

- \$ 22,207 Total Delinquencies **Decrease of \$6,532.20** (from prior month)
  - 11,202 At attorney collections (+ than 90 days) 4 members
- \$ 9,804 Late letters issued Late after 15th of the month
- \$ 1,200 Small balances owed by 21 members

#### EXPENSES

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- \$ 78,914 Budgeted Expenses per month
- \$ 63,177 Actual Expenses for reporting month
- \$ 15,737 Expenses under/over budget for reporting month

#### Line Items Running Over/Under Budget - YTD

| Budgeted      | Actual Cost | Variance  |                                     |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| \$<br>1,387   | \$1,109     | \$278     | Electric – Clubhouse                |
| \$<br>2,208   | \$2,578     | (\$370)   | Electric – Street Lights            |
| \$<br>767     | \$594       | \$173     | Water & Sewer                       |
| \$<br>233     | \$482       | (\$249)   | Telephone                           |
| \$<br>2,535   | \$3,199     | (\$664)   | Internet                            |
| \$<br>7,130   | \$7,962     | (\$832)   | TOTAL Line Item UNDER/DEFICIT Y-T-D |
| \$<br>946,932 | \$187,526   | \$759,406 | EXPENSES vs. BUDGET                 |

less prepaids

based on 2025 budget

\$74,609

#### BALANCE SHEET ANALYSIS

| Operating Acct      | \$316,354 |
|---------------------|-----------|
| less 2 mos. Cushion | \$157,828 |
| Avail for exp.      | \$158,526 |
| 1 mo. Expenses      | \$78,914  |
| (budgeted)          |           |
| Avg, mo. Exp        | \$62,508  |







## MEMORIAL DAY IN THE UNITED STATES

MEMORIAL DAY IS OBSERVED ON THE LAST MONDAY OF MAY. IT WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS DECORATION DAY. IN 1971, CONGRESS DECLARED IT A NATIONAL HOLIDAY. MEMORIAL DAY IS A US HOLIDAY TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED WHILE SERVING IN THE MILITARY. IT IS A DAY TO RAISE OUR AWARENESS ABOUT THE NATION'S FREEDOM AND THE PRICE FOR THIS FREEDOM. MEMORIAL DAY IS A DAY FOR REVERENCE AND HONORING OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES DEFENDING THE NATION AND ITS VALUES. IT ALSO MARKS THE UNOFFICIAL START TO THE SUMMER SEASON.



Attention Border Homes Please do not leave landscape debris and yard clippings on the swales. SWA will only pick up from the front of the home.

DO NOT FEED DUCKS GEESE WILDLIFE





## President's

Message

#### Food Donations Needed: Help Feed Those in Need

Dear Residents,

A reminder that we are collecting **food donations** to help those in need. The donation box is located **inside the clubhouse** for your convenience.

**Thank you** to everyone who has already donated — your generosity is making a real difference! We encourage everyone to contribute whatever they can to help feed the hungry in our community. Every donation, big or small, helps bring hope to those who need it most.

**Please also note: Bingo will be on break for the summer** and will resume in the fall. Thank you to everyone who participated and made it such a fun season — we look forward to seeing you again after the summer!

Thank you for your continued support! Sandy Steinberg shs54@juno.com 561-699-3491

### Welcome, Sweet May

May dances in with blossoms bright, And fills the air with sweet delight. The days grow long, the skies turn blue, A month of hope, fresh dreams anew.





I brighten the world without making a sound, With petals and colors that spring from the ground.

I sway in the breeze and soak up the sun, What am I, now that May has begun?

(Answer: A flower)

Dear Members,

Spring is in full swing, and it's a perfect time to take advantage of our wonderful amenities! The pool and gym are always ready for you to enjoy. We're also excited to announce that the brand-new hot tub will be opening later this month! Jo-Ann is planning a fun Grand Opening Party to celebrate — stay tuned for more details.

As we continue to experience drought conditions, please do your best to conserve water while keeping lawns healthy. Every effort helps maintain the beauty of our community.

Starting this month, Evans Roofing will begin replacing the clubhouse roof. Please be mindful of construction activity when entering the pool and clubhouse areas. There may be occasional closures, so watch for updates and posted notices.

A few friendly reminders:

- Keep hedges, lawns and trees trimmed around your property.
- Clean your roofs to help with aesthetics.
- Please replace any broken mailboxes to keep our neighborhood looking its best.

Thank you all for your cooperation and community spirit!

Please be advised that the 2024 Year End Financial Audit has been completed and is available to you upon written request.

If you would like a copy of the report, please send your request to the Management Office located at:

6269 West Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33484, or via email at email

CocoWoodMgr@FSResidential.com

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Please remember that **Coco Wood Lakes is a No Soliciting community**. Every entrance is clearly posted with "No Trespassing" and "No Soliciting" signs.

If you are approached by someone soliciting in the neighborhood:

- Try to obtain a business card from the individual, if possible.
- **Do not** invite the person into your home.
- **Do not** sign any paperwork.

#### It is very important that you call the police directly to make a report.

Please contact the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department at **(561) 688-3000 and press 4,** or call **911**. Inform the dispatcher that our **OAN number is 82945** and that our community is posted.

#### Do not call the management office to report solicitors.

If the manager is busy, your call may not be handled immediately, which defeats the purpose. Also, the manager is not responsible for approaching solicitors in person — this is a matter for law enforcement.

Protect yourself — and by doing so, you help protect our entire community.

Thank you for your vigilance and cooperation!

## WARNING !! IT'S BUFO (CANE) TOAD SEASON IN SOUTH FLORIDA

Please be aware that **Bufo toads** (also known as Cane Toads) pose a serious threat to pets and people alike. Pet owners are strongly advised to take extra precautions when their animals are outside.

When a pet tries to lick, bite, or pick up a Bufo toad, the toad releases a highly toxic, milky secretion from large glands on the back of its head. This toxin can sicken or even kill animals — including dogs, cats, native mammals, birds, and snakes — often within **15 minutes** of serious exposure. In addition, the toxin can cause skin irritation in humans, so **avoid handling these toads with bare hands**. **If you suspect your pet has been exposed:** 

• Rinse your pet's mouth out with water immediately (angled downward to avoid swallowing).

• Contact your veterinarian or an emergency veterinary clinic immediately.

#### To help prevent encounters:

- Supervise pets when they are outdoors.
- Remove pet food and water bowls from outside.
- Reduce outdoor lighting at night, as it attracts insects which in turn attract toads.

For more information about Bufo toads and how to protect your pets, please visit: <u>University of Florida Wildlife Extension - Bufo Toad</u> <u>Information</u>



Please stay alert and take steps to protect your pets and your family!



Save the Date May Events

**Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 pm Game Night (different week than normal) C'mon down to the Clubhouse and play one of our favorite games or introduce the group to one of yours ...

**Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Pizza Night \$7 for 2 slices with Advance Reservations. Neighbors begin to gather around 5:00 pm, Pizza Buffet served 6:15 pm. Not in the mood for pizza, feel free to come and hang out with your neighbors. No RSVP required and you can bring your own food. Socializing is always allowed!! If you'd like to, stick around and play games after pizza. BYOB

Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day BBQ & Pool Party Info coming soon



Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm CWL Board Meeting

#### SAVE THE DATES

**Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 pm Game Night. C'mon down to the Clubhouse and play one of our favorite games or introduce the group to one of yours ...

**Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** – Pizza Night \$7 for 2 slices with Advance Reservations. Neighbors begin to gather around 5:00 pm, Pizza Buffet served 6:15 pm. Not in the mood for pizza, feel free to come and hang out with your neighbors. No RSVP required and you can bring your own food. Socializing is always allowed!! If you'd like to, stick around and play games after pizza. BYOB

**Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and/or Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Delray Beach Playhouse Playwrights' Project, Festival of New Plays. Local playwrights' 10-minute one-act original plays will be produced as staged readings. Be on the lookout for more info as it becomes available. For our CWL thespians, auditions are May 7th & 8th from 6:00-10:00 pm at the Playhouse. No monologues or headshots needed!

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#### Hurricane Season Starts June 1st — Time to Prepare!

Hurricane season officially begins on **June 1st**, and now is the perfect time to make sure your home and family are ready. Take a few simple steps to stay safe:

- **Review your emergency plan** with all household members.
- **Stock up** on essentials like water, non-perishable food, flashlights, batteries, and a first-aid kit.
- Check your home for any repairs needed to secure windows, doors, and roofs.
- Gather important documents and keep them in a waterproof container.
- Stay informed by signing up for local weather alerts.

Preparation today can make a big difference when storms come our way. Stay safe and be ready!

Pottery Night Fun

Thanks for joining us - what a creative night it was!









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| Sunday   | Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday |   |                           |                                |    |    |  |  |  |
|--|--|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----|----|--|--|--|
| HURRICANE SEASON STARTS JUNE 1.<br>USE THIS MONTH TO TRIM<br>YOUR TREES. |  |   |                           | 1                              | 2  | 3  |  |  |  |
| 4  | 5<br>CINCO<br>MAYO                                       | 6   | 7<br>Game Night<br>6:00pm | 8                              | 9  | 10 |  |  |  |
| 11<br>Happy<br>Mothers   | 12   | 13  | 14                        | 15<br>Pizza Party<br>5pm - 8pm | 16 | 17 |  |  |  |
| 18   | 19   | 20  | 21                        | 22                             | 23 | 24 |  |  |  |
| 25   | 26<br>BBQ &<br>Pool Party                                | 27<br>Board of<br>Directors<br>Meeting<br>7:00p | 28                        | 29                             | 30 | 31 |  |  |  |